

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, July 1, 2024. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Stark, Kovach, Petrucci, Gee, Cizl, Mayor Radeff, Service Director Hastings.

Attending: None.

Excused: Rosso, DeBottis.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2023 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports the resident on Kenilworth with the request from last month did follow up with me about extending the sewer. As it turns out, the sanitary line goes past the homes that are constructed and stops, yet there is a manhole even farther south than that. That dates back to original construction and our camera showed a rudimentary concrete cap. He is anxious for the city to extend it, which I haven't committed to yet. All the existing homes are serviced by the sanitary sewer and in this case, he is trying to sell property to build further homes south which would facilitate the need for the sewer. I wanted to let the board know I did follow up and it is still ongoing. As far as projects, we are kind of bottlenecked right now with engineering. We have the Day Ditch waterline replacement I've spoke of so much. Friday was the last to receive proposals from contractors. I also have a proposal out for replacement of a section of water main out on West Shore as well as Alameda Phase 2. As a result of this, the city is going to branch out a little bit. I do use more than one engineer, but in this case, I am going to spread our projects out even more so they can keep up with demand. That is also the plan with the Forestlawn Ditch. The plans are in place, we are ready to go but I need engineering to assist me. As far as the road paving program, I met with Griffith Paving who is the awarded contractor. Unfortunately, we are on their schedule, but they have committed to having everything done before school. The water dept. is using RCAP for service line inventory required by the Ohio EPA identifying every lead line in the city. We are

underway with that with a couple thousand complete. Some of the final stretch will include assistance as part of the grant where the RCAP staff will go door to door and help residents figure out what they have in their line. We are mandated to answer the EPA. The mayor forwarded me an email regarding crooked telephone poles which I believe made it to all of city council. I did write him back today that the administration understands the frustration. It is very hard to get activity. There are many utilities on a single pole. So, if Ohio Edison comes in and sets a pole next to a crooked/broken one, that pole can sometimes set there for a couple of years while one of five utilities gets it on their agenda to move it. Once they are all clear, then Ohio Edison comes back. I wanted to bring it up publicly that we are aware of it. Next time I talk to the director, I will let him know we have had some concerns from residents. Member Gee states Treadway Ponds, the retention ditch when you first go in the entrance, the west one, all the cat tails are dead, there's a lot of slime and algae in there. The one going east is in mint shape like it has been. I know it's going to be a mosquito hazard, but I was wondering if there is anything we can do about that. Service Director Hastings replies they would have submitted a storm water quality report and expectations and requirements that was part of their development. There are maintenance requirements so I can review that. Sounds to me like they just need to aerate it and I know they do the center ponds. Member Gee says the one on the west side is getting worse by the month. It's starting to leave a bit of an odor. Service Director Hastings replies I will certainly look into that. That would be identified in their requirements in their storm water plan. Member Cizl asks with the fourth of July being this week, do you know if/when the water bills would be going out this month? Service Director Hastings responds they already left our office. Chairman Wtulich asks has there been any talk about putting in some kind of walking bridges on the dead ends going over the Forestlawn Ditch? Service Director Hastings replies there's not. There are not recommended because they create dams if you will. People do it. I know Maplewood and Robinwood, I don't know who did it, but they have some nice bridges. Typically, when we go through on projects like that, we remove them. Schumaker Ditch is going to be fantastically busy with ditches and pipes and things. For the most part, we discourage them. Mayor Radeff says I think maybe next year when the Metro Parks paves it, maybe that is something we can talk to them about it as a possibility. They do those bridges all the time. I would want to work with them, because really you are putting the bridge over onto their property. Service Director Hastings says I've never abandoned the idea of Sheffield Road crossing Day Ditch so the folks on that end of town can get to the trail. That would be fantastic, but got sidelined admittedly. Maybe we can revisit that with the Metro Parks.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This meeting of the City Committee of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio was held and conducted under all Rules and Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio as they may apply. All meetings are recorded and available in Council's Offices.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE

Brandy Randolph

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Committee certifies this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Roads & Drains Committee of July 1, 2024.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso